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M. WITTE CONFIRMS IT.

Outlook for Agreement, However, Is
More Promising--Japanese Envoys
Declare There May Be
Concessions.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The differences between Japan and Russia will not be settled by arbitration in the popular acceptance of the word, declared the Japanese envoys this morning through spokesman Sato. There may be concessions, there may be final adjustment of details, but neither country would refer to the Hague any question involving a principal. M. Witte this morning emphatically denied the report that the differences between the two countries on the questions of war reimbursement and Sakhalin would be submitted to arbitration. "It's simply idiotic," was the way he characterized it to the Publishers Press representative. He refused to discuss the matter further. The secret service men who protect the Russian envoys in their daily trips between the hotel and conference hall, are closely watching the suspicious actions of a Portsmouth visitor. The name of the individual cannot be learned, but it is known that the secret service men have spotted him for several days, and they have accurate information of all his movements for the past few weeks. It is said that he is a new comer, while ostensibly a pleasure seeker. In some unaccountable manner, he turns up at different places along the route taken by the envoys more often than disinterested persons should. Secretary Pierce has always feared for M. Witte and has devoted a great deal of time and pains in the arrangements for his protection.

CHANCES OF PEACE.

Have Been Increased by Action of Roosevelt.

Portsmouth, Aug. 21.—The chances of peace have undoubtedly been improved by President Roosevelt's action in stepping into the breach in a last heroic endeavor to induce the warring countries to compromise their "irreconcilable differences," but the result is still in suspense. The ultimate decision of the issue has, de facto if not de jure, passed from the plenipotentiaries to their principals, from Portsmouth to St. Petersburg and, perhaps, in a lesser extent, to Tokio. Although there are collateral evidences that pressure both by President Roosevelt and neutral powers, including Japan's ally, Great Britain, whose minister, Sir Claude MacDonald, according to advices received here, had a long conference yesterday with Mr. Katsura, the Japanese premier, is still being exerted at Tokio to induce Japan to moderate her demands, there is also reason to believe that President Roosevelt was able at his interview with Baron De Rosen to practically communicate to Mr. Witte, Japan's irreducible minimum—what she would yield, but the point beyond which she would not go.

THEY PLACE HOPE
IN THE PRESIDENT.Russians Talk Solely of His Offer to
Mediate to Prevent the Failure
of the Peace Negotiations.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—The attitude assumed by the President in the peace proceedings at Portsmouth and his reported offer to mediate in order that the conference may not fail is the sole discussion here. Public opinion now places all hope of avoiding disagreement in the President. The reactionary press attacks Witte on account of the intercourse he had with American Jews.

An interesting development of Sunday was the statement from the best authority that the foreign office does not believe that August 22 will necessarily see the conclusion at Portsmouth of the conference, and that there will be further exchanges between the plenipotentiaries, lasting two, and may be three days. In some quarters this is taken as a sign that there still is hope for a settlement on the basis of concessions.

M. Witte's full reports are being submitted through the foreign office to the Emperor. There has been no meeting of the grand dukes to consider these reports, but the Emperor has been in consultation and will consult again today, with some of his advisors and ministers on vital matters now being decided here. The final communication of the supreme deciding authority, Emperor Nicholas, conveying his majesty's instructions as to the course which Mr. Witte shall pursue beginning on Tuesday, will be transmitted to Portsmouth through the foreign office probably tonight (Monday) or Tuesday morning.

JAPANESE ARE ADVANCING.

Have Driven Russians From Advance
Works in Northern Korea.

London, Aug. 21.—The Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent says that despite the heavy rains the Japanese have advanced in northern Korea. The Russians abandoned their advance works and were driven back. After crossing

the river Tumen the Russians destroyed the bridges and there is now no sign of Russians south of the Tumen. The Japanese army in Korea already has affected a certain communication with Field Marshal Oyama.

CURZON RESIGNS.

As Viceroy of India and Is Succeeded by
the Earl of Minto.

London, Aug. 21.—The resignation of Lord Curzon of Kedleston as viceroy of India and the appointment of the Earl of Minto as his successor, was announced at the India office last night.

According to the correspondence which is issued in the form of a white book, it appears that Lord Curzon's resignation was tabled to that office on Aug. 12. The correspondence shows a decidedly bitter feeling between Lord Curzon, the India office and Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the forces in India, over the new scheme of army administration in India. Lord Curzon's dissatisfaction came to a head with the refusal of the cabinet to appoint Maj. Gen. Sir Edmund Barrow, on Lord Curzon's recommendation, military supply member of the council.

PROSECUTING LIQUOR SELLERS.

State's Attorney Austin of Franklin
County After Them.

St. Albans, Aug. 21.—The prosecution of illegal rum sellers is being energetically pushed by State's Attorney Warren R. Austin, who on Saturday landed Amillo Manno and Paul Devir of Sheldon Springs, behind the bars. Numerous complaints of the open sale of liquor, and of frequent disturbances following, have been made by citizens of Sheldon. Saturday State's Attorney Austin accompanied by Justice Kearney and Deputy Sheriff Thompson and Alfred of this city, Deputy Sheriff Steele of Highgate and Deputy Sheriff George C. Holmes of Sheldon, made an unexpected descent upon the Italian colony of about 60, who are laborers on the new dam under construction across the Missisquoi river at Sheldon Springs. Beer in large quantities, including ten quarter barrels were found. Manno and Devir, who were in charge of and dispensing the stuff were placed under arrest and later arraigned before Justice Kearney. Devir being charged with keeping with intent to sell and also with selling. Twelve natives testified to having bought beer of Devir on several different occasions. Devir was adjudged guilty and bound over in the sum of \$400 in each case, for appearance before the September term of Franklin county court, and was brought to this city and placed in jail. The cost in the case of State vs. intoxicating liquor was also assessed against the prisoner. Devir made claim to the beer and gave sureties for it.

Manno was next arraigned, charged with selling. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months in the House of Correction and to pay costs of \$22.72, in the case of State against intoxicating liquor.

CHASING ROBBERS
THROUGH VERMONTThree Men Who Broke Jail at Laconia,
N. H., Have Been Tracked as
Far as Wells River, in
This State.

Laconia, N. H., August 21.—William E. Lampan, Fred Miller and Arthur Durant, the three burglars who broke out of the Belknap county jail here August 13th and for whom a reward of \$150 is offered, were located in Orford, N. H., near the Vermont line last Thursday. Sheriff Philbrook was notified and with City Marshal Scott took the trail Saturday forenoon and traced the men into Vermont and along the line of the Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine railway to Wells River. There they were seen late Saturday afternoon. Officers in pursuit expect the men to go to northwestern Vermont or Canada. The police throughout New England and Canada have pictures of the men and their description.

IS FINALLY CAGED.

Is Private Walter Neuman of Fort
Ethan Allen.

Fort Ethan Allen, Aug. 21.—Private Walter Neuman, the man who has gained for himself the reputation of being a professional deserter and who since his escape from his sentry at this post has been in irons, has been found guilty by the general court which tried him and has been sentenced to serve two years and six months in the post guard house. Neuman has deserted three times within a year. For the first offense he served six months in the guard house. He again deserted and was apprehended at Greenfield, Mass. He escaped from his sentry the third time and was located at Bolton by a troop of cavalry at midnight after he had enjoyed twelve hours' liberty.

FUNERAL OF MISS BARTON.

Large Attendance and Great Floral Display
at Middlebury.

Middlebury, August 21.—One of the largest and saddest funerals that has been held in this village in years was held at the Congregational church here yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m., when the remains of Miss Ella Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Taylor of this village were brought here from Moosalamoo Park, Lake Dunmore. The Rev. John Thomas of East Orange, N. J., who is visiting here, preached the funeral sermon and the singing was by the church choir. The floral tributes were something of an unusual sight, there being a large number of pieces of different designs which were placed about the casket. The bearers were Hamilton Dasher, the young man who came near losing his life at the time, and N. S. Foote, Herbert Simms and Mr. Perkins. The remains were taken to Bristol for burial.

NINE KILLED
14 INJUREDIn Collision of Street Car
With Freight Train.

SAD END OF MERRY DAY

Crowd of Merry Makers in Butte, Mon-
tana, in Fearful Accident on the
Way Home—Horrible
Scenes.

Butte, Mont., August 21.—Nine persons were killed and fourteen injured, one fatally, in a collision between a street car and a freight train late last night. The accident came as a climax to a day of merry making at Columbia Gardens, and the car was crowded. Witnesses to the accident say that it is miraculous that anyone aboard escaped death. The cause of the accident is not plain, as it is not known whether the motorman made the usual stop to examine the crossing for approaching trains. The conductor of the freight waved his lantern and shouted a warning to the car, but was not heeded. The car ran into the crossing and the freight backed into it squarely in the center and ploughed its way through. The attending scenes were more horrible. Many were buried beneath the debris and crushed out of shape, limbs being torn and cut away.

BY PLATFORM'S COLLAPSE.

500 Persons Were Precipitated Fifteen
Feet.

Pittsburg, Aug. 21.—More than 500 men, women and children were precipitated 15 feet into a cellar by the collapse of a platform yesterday during exercises incident to the laying of the corner stone of the Beth David Russian Hebrew Orthodox Synagogue in Miller street near Washington. Nearly all were cut and bruised, but it is believed none was fatally hurt.

Three rabbis were among the number who went down, and although injured they concluded the ceremony after the panic had subsided.

Among the seriously injured were Rabbis A. G. Ashinsky, S. Graffman and A. Bloom; Nathan Nathanson, pastor of the congregation and Policeman Adam Lettewski.

The platform which broke had dimensions of about 30 feet by 30 feet and had been constructed over the foundation walls for the accommodation of the rabbis, officers and the church and invited guests.

Just prior to the corner stone ceremonies, a brass band leading 800 Zionists, marched up playing a lively tune and when the Zionists were invited to pass over the platform in order to sign their names to the roll to be placed in the stone, a mad rush was made by the thousands of persons who had gathered to secure the same privilege. The policemen were overwhelmed, and in a moment the platform was packed with men, women and children. The frail structure could not withstand the strain and fully five hundred persons were carried down.

FELL WITH RUINS.

15 Italian Laborers in Accident in Pitts-
burg.

Pittsburg, August 21.—Fifteen men were carried down by the falling of a wall last night in the ruins of the Avenue theatre which recently was destroyed by fire. The men carried down were all Italian laborers and 13 of them were taken from the wreckage in a badly battered condition. At the hospital the physicians say none of the victims will die, but five of the number are seriously hurt.

For some time past the work of razing the Avenue walls has been going on under Contractor Thomas J. Egan, and to hasten matters work has been in progress night and day and every day in the week. Yesterday, while 40 men were at work, 15 of them were carrying a heavy iron joist across the second floor, when the west wall, from which the joist had been taken, fell in, carrying the workmen with it to the ground floor.

Fortunately the men were not buried by the falling debris, and in a short time all were extricated and taken to the hospitals.

When the cellar had been cleared it was found that scores were hurt, their injuries consisting of bruises and cuts about the head and body. Some of the injuries were due to the panic that followed the crash, many being trampled on in the wild rush to escape.

MINIATURE RAILROAD WRECK.

Ten Passengers Hurt at Pittsburg Last
Night.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 21.—Last night when a large crowd of Sunday pleasure seekers filled Kenwood Park, a miniature railway train jumped the track and ten passengers were badly injured, but none fatally.

The cause of the accident has not been determined. When the engine jumped the track, the engineer escaped injury by jumping, but the passengers were dragged over the ties quite a distance. Of the injured, Mrs. Robert Hughes and Miss Julia Hill are in a serious condition, both suffering internal injuries.

MONTPELIER
GAINS 1,047Population of Capital City in
1905 is 7,313.

NOT SO LARGE AS EXPECTED

Interesting Statistics as Brought Out
by Census Taker Bancroft, Who
Completed His Duties Sat-
urday Night.

Montpelier's population at the present time is 7,313, slightly below the first estimate, which set the figures at 8,000 or more, but a gain, nevertheless, of 1,047 during the past five years. Charles DeF. Bancroft finished taking the census Saturday night, having been appointed by the city council to do the work as a matter of interest in view of the approaching centennial celebration. This is a gain of 2,401 in ten years, of 3,075 in fifteen years, and 4,076 in twenty-five years.

The increase by wards since the last special census in 1895 is as follows:

| Ward | Increase |
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| Ward 1 | 149 |
| Ward 2 | 644 |
| Ward 3 | 176 |
| Ward 4 | 340 |
| Ward 5 | 119 |
| Ward 6 | 578 |

The census brings out the fact that there is a voter to every three of population. In Vermont the average is a voter to every four of population, in the United States one in five. Mr. Bancroft implies that race suicide may become a disease in Montpelier.

Montpelier is now being called the "Holy Land" through curious facts brought out by the census taker. Two Spaniards were found whose names are Jesus, an Austrian whose surname is Christ, two persons who were born in Nazareth and two by the name of Lord. One of whom is the well known lawyer. Of the population, 5,168 were born in Vermont, 892 in other states of the union, and 1,253 in foreign countries.

The gain in five years is about one hundred more than the present population of ward five. In ten years the gain is equal to the population now of wards four and five; in fifteen years to the population of wards three and four; in 25 years more than three, four and five wards. The present population of wards one and two is nearly as large as the whole community in 1880. There are now more men of voting age than the entire population in 1860, which was 2,400.

The city's increase is shown by the following figures:

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| In 10 years | 2,401 |
| In 15 years | 3,075 |
| In 25 years | 4,076 |

In the increase from 1895 to 1905 is included the addition of Berlin side by annexation. The nationalities represented are: Americans 3,613, French 1,705, Irish, 1,139, Italian 292, Scotch 143, Spaniard 125, Swedes 96, Russians 75, mixed 503, Germans, Norwegians, colored, Austrians, Hungarians, Fins, Welsh, Dutch, Chinese.

The real estate valuation in 1905 is \$3,459,000, a gain of \$1,101,450 in ten years. Per capita there is \$774. Since 1895 the tax rate has been maintained at \$1.50 with the exception of one year when a special 25 cent tax was voted to pay for a bridge which was washed out by flood. The city water works installed in 1884 have paid for themselves, and now bring an income of \$10,000.

ENTERTAINED HIS STAFF.

Gov. Bell's "Belfry" Scene of Hospitable
Occasion.

Hardwick, Aug. 21.—Saturday was an ideal day for the meeting of Hazen Road Pomona Grange and about 300 people assembled in Sons of Veterans hall for the meeting. Governor Bell and his staff arrived on the 10.30 train from Burlington. A business session was held in the morning and from twelve until two a fine banquet was served by the ladies and Foster's orchestra furnished music.

During the afternoon the following programme was carried out: Vocal duet, Mrs. Badger and Mrs. Steele; paper, "The Shady Side of Rural Life," Mrs. S. R. Lathe; piano duet, Mrs. H. S. Dole and Mrs. N. A. Dole; paper, "The Sunny Side of Rural Life," Mrs. R. C. Darling; vocal solo, Miss Jennie Bell; declamation, Renfrew Gallagher; recitation, Miss Abbie Davis; vocal solo, Miss Leota Stratton; medley, Mr. and Mrs. Grey; question, "Who Are the Successful Farmers Today?" E. A. Dutton, A. A. Goodrich, Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Pease; vocal solo, Mrs. McDonald.

A passenger car was added to the way freight train to afford all members from the east an opportunity of reaching home early. The governor's staff accompanied him to his home, "The Belfry," where they were entertained over Sunday. The party attended church in East Hardwick Sunday.

GRANITE MAN BANKRUPT.

George H. Trembley of St. Johnsbury
Files Petition.

Burlington, August 21.—A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday at the district court clerk's office in this city by George H. Trembley of St. Johnsbury, a granite cutter and manufacturer. His liabilities are \$2,202.75, assets \$336.50, exempt \$315.

DAY OF ENJOYMENT.

Employees of George Stratton at Fair-
mont Park Saturday.

The employees of George Stratton held their annual picnic on Fairmont park Saturday, and a very enjoyable day was spent. There were sports in abundance. One of the chief events was a race between George Lafayette and his pacer against John Condon. Owing to a mistake regarding the winning pole the race had to be run twice. The first time Condon won and the second the horse just won at the pole. Therefore, Condon challenged any man in the field for a race. As no one would accept the challenge George Stratton took him up, and they ran one hundred yards. Stratton won, but Condon is still open with his challenge as he said he was all done up racing the horse.

The following is the list of games:

Little girl's race, Bessie Duncan, Mary Wood, Jennie Milne.
Boy's race, James Slora, B. Webster, J. Webster.
Married Ladies' race, Mrs. Slora, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Webster.
Men's race, Summers, J. Slora, Charles Greig.

Girl's race, Ethel Morgan, Jennie Milne, Mary Cooper.

Obstacle race, Walker, W. Morren, C. Greig.

Boy's race, A. Fowle, J. Webster, B. Webster.

Young ladies' race, Annie Paul, Agnes Milne, Jessie Robertson.

Ladies' place kick, Mrs. Robert Webster, 32 feet, 2 in; Mrs. C. Greig, 31 feet; Mrs. William Morren, 78 feet, 3 in.

There was an exciting ball game between teams captained by Alex Stratton and P. Summers, which was won by the former, 7 to 6. The following are the teams: Stratton's team, catcher A. Fowle, pitcher A. Stratton, first J. Bartlett, second J. Gould, third C. Greig, short F. Paul, right W. Main, center J. Black, left G. McCormack.

Summers' team, catcher Tracey, pitcher Summers, first J. Campbell, second J. Hay, third J. Slora, short M. Urie, right A. Walker, left J. Wood, center J. Urie. The umpire was George Lafayette.

Music was furnished for dancing by Prof. Morgan's orchestra. After having passed a most enjoyable time the party broke up to the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

ANNUAL MUSTER ENDED.

Vermont National Guard Broke Camp
Saturday—Successful Occasion.

State Camp Ground, Aug. 21.—The annual muster of the First Regiment, Vermont National Guard, Camp Governor Bell, is a matter of history. The soldier boys slept in shelter tents Friday night and the regiment broke camp early Saturday. The first companies to get away were D of St. Johnsbury and L of Newport, which left Fort Ethan Allen at 7.30 o'clock. Companies E, F, H, and G left at 11 o'clock by special train and the other companies followed at different periods during the day.

The encampment has been unusually healthy and according to the commanding officer, Col. Estey, very satisfactory in work accomplished and conduct of the regiment. The men will get their pay as soon as the quartermaster's account is made up.

PLATTSBURG STILL IN IT.

Management Denies That It Will Quit
League.

Plattsburg, Aug. 21.—The management announces that in spite of rumors to the contrary, Plattsburg will remain in the league to the finish. The team will be strengthened, so it is reported.

CHASING A COW, DROPPED DEAD.

Lester H. House of Burlington Died of
Heart Trouble.

Burlington, August 21.—Lester H. House, 43 years old, died suddenly yesterday morning in the woods on the farm of Mrs. Graham, by whom he was employed. He left the house at about nine o'clock in company with John Collins to go to look for a cow that had strayed into the woods. House carried a rope and shortly after arriving in the woods Mr. Collins asked him for it. Mr. House handed it to him, and then suddenly fell to the ground face forward.

Dr. McSweeney was summoned and pronounced the man dead. He was taken to the home of his brother, George House, at 13 North Bend street. Heart disease was evidently the cause of the man's death. He is survived by a mother, Mrs. Mary House, three brothers, George R. and Newton of this city, and Edward of Boston, and one half sister, Mrs. William Underwood of St. Albans and a half brother, William Howard of Cambridge. The funeral will be held from 13 North Bend street, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Lake View cemetery.

GRAND LODGE I. O. G. T. SESSION.

Hardwick Members of the Order Laying
Out a Programme.

Hardwick, August 21.—At the last meeting of Hardwick Lodge, No. 66, I. O. G. T., committees were appointed to arrange for the coming session of Vermont Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, to be held here beginning October 11. Elmer E. Balch, Charles E. Dockendorff, and Lester F. Hopkins were appointed a general committee of arrangements and the work is progressing rapidly under their supervision.

It has been arranged with the management of the Hardwick and Woodbury railroad to have an excursion to Woodbury while the grand lodge is in session and thus give the visitors a chance to see the great granite industry at the mountain.

A large attendance is expected from the adjoining counties and every effort is being made to insure success.

WAS INJURED
SERIOUSLYLittle Leo Morse Fell Through
Hole at Fire Station

TO FLOOR BELOW, 14 FEET

Landed on His Head on Hard Wood
Floor—Doctors Think Today That
There Is a Chance for
Recovery.

Little Leo Morse, the four years old son of Bert Morse, of Mount Vernon Place, went into the central fire station yesterday afternoon with his father to see the fire horses perform their daily practice hitch. Having witnessed that, the boy accompanied his father upstairs to inspect the remainder of the building. They were standing in the firemen's club rooms when the little fellow stepped backward into the aperture through which the firemen slide down the brass poles on the sounding of the fire alarm. The father turned just in time to see his son falling, and made a desperate clutch for him, but in vain.

The lad shot head foremost through the hole and landed on the hardwood floor, fourteen feet below. Driver E. E. Williams was standing on the street floor not far from the pole. Instinctively he looked up and saw some object falling through the floor. Thinking that it might be the boy whom he had seen going upstairs, he made an attempt to arrest his fall. The lad struck the floor almost at Driver Williams' feet, the full force of the fall coming on his head. He was picked up unconscious, and later taken to his father's home, with Drs. Reid and Jackson attending. He regained consciousness during the night, and this morning the doctors reported that he was a trifle more comfortable, so that there is hope of his recovery. The extent of the injuries is not certain yet, but it is feared that the skull is fractured.

Chief Gladding does not allow unaccompanied children up stairs in the fire station, as there is considerable danger. The three sliding horses are of course unprotected by rail, so that a child might easily fall. But the Morse boy was accompanied by his father who was formerly a fireman. Mr. Morse turned his head for a moment, and during that moment the lad took the step which precipitated him to the floor beneath.

MEGRATH BOUND OVER.

Montpelier Druggist Charged With Ille-
gal Keeping of Liquor.

Montpelier, August 21.—In city court Saturday the case of State vs. George McGrath, illegal keeping, was taken up and the respondent bound over to county court under \$500 bail furnished by J. H. Senter. In State vs. Intoxicating Liquor, George McGrath, claimant, the liquors were adjudged forfeited and appeal was taken by the claimant, J. H. Senter being recognized as surety for the costs.

On the defendant confessing judgment the court gave judgment for the plaintiff to recover \$169.76 in the case of Clinton Cutler of East Montpelier vs. H. W. Camp of Plainfield, over a note. The case of Etta M. Bran against M. Gordon of Barre for money had and received, was continued at the request of the defendant until August 24. F. L. Laird appearing for the plaintiff.

INGERSON-TANNER.

Quiet Wedding at Baptist Pastor's
Home Saturday Afternoon.

Albert H. Ingerson, for some time an employe at Cutler's stables, and Miss Mertie Tanner of Marshfield, were married Saturday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. W. A. Kinzie performing the ceremony. The newly wedded couple left immediately after the ceremony for Marshfield, and after a stay of several days there, they will go to Jefferson, N. H., to reside.

Adjourned to Next Saturday.

East Montpelier, Aug. 21.—After hearing the reports of officers and fixing the time for next year's meeting the annual meeting of the East Montpelier Evangelical Association was adjourned Saturday afternoon to next Saturday, at which time the officers will be elected. The treasurer's report Saturday showed a small balance in the treasury. The meeting will continue this week. There was a large attendance yesterday. Next year the meetings will begin August 9 and run through the 19th.

FAIRBANKS AT MANCHESTER.

Spent Large Part of Yesterday in Auto-
mobile.

Manchester, August 21.—Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks arrived here Saturday afternoon by special train from Rutland. They are the guests of the Hon. David J. Foster at the Equinox House.

Yesterday afternoon the Hon. Charles S. Francis of Troy with Mrs. Francis took Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks for a day's automobile ride. This evening a reception will be tendered the distinguished visitors at Music Hall. Tomorrow morning the party will leave in Vice President Fairbanks' private car, the Marquitta, for Ogdensburg, N. Y.